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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : LINCOLN

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TO: DIR

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RE: A. DIR 05670 (OUT 55522), B. LINC 4061 (IN 19831)

1. HAVE RELAYED REF DECISION TO FIELD. IN VIEW SITUATION AND NEED KEEP COMMUNICATION CHANNELS OPEN DO NOT FEEL WE CAN SEND MORE.

2. PLEASE CONSIDER BOTH FIELD AND LINC REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN REF B. AS BEING CONTINUOUSLY BEFORE YOU UNTIL FINAL DECISION MADE.

3. AS INDICATE IN REF B WE ADVOCATE WAITING UNTIL DAWN 20 JUNE BUT IN ORDER TO PUT INTO EFFECT AT THAT TIME WE MUST HAVE THE AUTHORITY TODAY.

4. REALIZE THIS DIFFICULT DECISION BUT IF AND ARMY HAVE NOT SWUNG BY TOMORROW SOME STRONG INCENTIVE WILL BE NEEDED. BELIEVE IT WILL NOT TAKE TOO MUCH FOR THEM TO BE PERSUADED THEREAFTER NO NEED FURTHER USE ADDITIONAL POWER BUT THREAT OF USE ENOUGH.

5. MUST RECOGNIZE CALLIGERIS HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCUSED OF

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BOMBING AND MOST PEOPLE MUST BELIEVE IT. ALSO PBPRIME IS NOT THE AGGRESSOR DESPITE UNAVOIDABLE ACCUSATIONS. PLANES BELONG TO CALLIGERIS, PILOTS ARE HIS, MENDOZA IS HIS CHIEF OF AIR. THE LONGER WE DENY HIM THE NORMAL USE OF WHAT IS HIS THE MORE WE CONFIRM TO EVERYONE INCLUDING ALL PILOTS THAT THIS IN FACT PBPRIME AFFAIR.

6. KNOWN DIFFICULT TO HAVE US REPEATEDLY ASKING BUT YOU HAVE SAID DECISION STILL NOT FINAL. WE FEEL SO STRONGLY ABOUT STARTING TOMORROW (NOT BEFORE) THAT MUST EXPRESS VIEWS. ASSUMING ARMY DOES NOT SWING AND REALLY GOES INTO ACTION WHICH NO INDICATION IT HAS YET, WE MUST BE IN POSITION TO ACT FAST WITH AIR SUPPORT OR THERE MAY BE NOTHING TO SUPPORT. THE TIME FOR CLEARING DECISION STARTING TOMORROW MAY BE DECISIVE. REMEMBER CALLIGERIS STARTED WITH ONLY ABOUT 300 MEN.

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